

Application No. 09/346,069
Amendment dated June 3, 2005

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for her kind assistance during the recent telephone interview of May 9, 2005 with Applicants' representative Eric DeMaster. The claims have been amended as discussed during the interview, and as indicated by the Examiner to place the claims in condition for allowance.

Claims 18, 34, and 39-48 have been amended. Claims 49-59 have been canceled. Claims 60-66 are new. After entry of the amendment, claims 15, 18, 34-48, and 60-66 will be pending. Support for the amendment is found throughout the specification, including at page 5, line 237 to page 6, line 7, page 22, lines 3 and 22-23, and Figures 16 and 17. Applicants submit the amendment raises no issues of new matter.

Entry of the Amendment and Notice of Allowance of all claims is requested.

Double Patenting

Claims 15 and 18 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,057,428. The Examiner indicated the rejection could be overcome by filing a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer has been filed herewith. Applicants submit the terminal disclaimer complies with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Rejection of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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